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**HIKING**

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## **PTARMIGAN - FDT 35**

**Difficulty:** MODERATE TO MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 6.38 miles one-way to summit of Ptarmigan Pass

**Elevation:** Start at 9,081 feet and ends at 11,786 feet (highest point 11,967 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +3,098 feet - 393 feet = +2,705 feet

**Recommended Use:** HIKING, MTN. BIKING UP TO WILDERNESS BOUNDARY

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 205, Silverthorne / Dillon, and travel north on HWY 9 for approximately .2 miles to the intersection of Wildernest Drive / Rainbow Drive, (Wendy's is on the corner).
- Turn right onto Rainbow Drive and proceed to the 3-way stop sign. At the stop sign turn right onto Tanglewood Lane.
- Follow Tanglewood Lane to Ptarmigan Trail and turn right. Follow this road for approximately .8 miles to the trailhead parking, which is on the right side of the road.
- The trail starts across the road from the parking area. There are arrows to guide you to the trail from the parking area through the private homes.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- The Ptarmigan Trail is an excellent hike to experience a panoramic view of all the mountain ranges in the Dillon Ranger District: the Continental Divide, Gore Range, Tenmile Range and Williams Fork Range.
- Approximately 3.46 miles from the trailhead you will come to a fork in the trail at the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness boundary. At this point you may either continue on to the summit or turn right at the boundary and follow that trail approximately 2.95 miles back down to the trailhead in a loop.
- Approximately .48 miles past the wilderness boundary you will come to another fork in the trail. Follow to the right to travel approximately 2.08 miles to Ptarmigan Pass, elevation 11,777 feet, and on into the Arapaho National Forest; or, follow to the left and go approximately 1.05 miles to the summit of Ptarmigan Peak, elevation 12,498 feet, and on into the Arapaho National Forest.

### **Important Information:**

- **BECAUSE THIS TRAIL TRAVELS INTO THE PTARMIGAN PEAK WILDERNESS NO BICYCLES ARE ALLOWED PAST THE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY AND DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH NOT LONGER THAN SIX (6) FEET IN LENGTH!**
- **WITHIN THE PTARMIGAN PEAK WILDERNESS, NO CAMPFIRE ARE ALLOWED ABOVE TREELINE NOR WITHIN .25 MILES (440 YARDS) OF ANY LAKE.**
- There is limited water on this hike so bring plenty of water with you!

**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

*THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. THE WHITE RIVER NF STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP AND GPS OR COMPASS PRIOR TO YOUR HIKING OR HORSE TRIP.*